

## **Updated NSWRA Constitution Update to Members September 2019**

### **Recommendation**

**The NSWRA Council has unanimously approved the new constitution and will put it to members for approval at the October AGM.**

The constitution working group has completed the consultation process and finalised the proposed constitution. The final form is typical for a NSW sport peak body, brings us up to date with our obligations under the Associations Incorporation Act and reflects modern standards for managing sporting bodies.

We flagged this process last year to be transparent and we have taken significant efforts to run a consultation process to allow members to have their say. This process was managed by skilled members on a volunteer basis. We received limited but constructive comments and therefore believe that you our members are supportive.

This is an important decision and the NSWRA urges all members to support this important decision. Our wonderful sport has many challenges and the new constitution should improve our ability to address them.

### **Documents**

Alongside this document, we are now publishing:

- The final constitution
- The comments received from members with names removed to protect privacy

### **Background to consultation process and next steps**

1. The first draft constitution was published in June along with an explanatory memorandum and a member's information session was held in July.
2. Five members responded to the request for comments. Please see the separate document. No questions or concerns were raised at the forum in July.
3. Council will include approval of the new constitution on the forthcoming notice of AGM.
4. If approved at the AGM, the new constitution comes into effect when approved by Fair Trading. This may happen quickly after the AGM.
5. New elections for two directors will be held in 2020, to take effect at the end of the 2020 AGM.